



**NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF WASTE MANAGEMENT  
FACT SHEET  
December 30, 2004**

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(Pursuant to NAC 444.641.3(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal regulations of the Nevada Administrative Code.)

**Applicant Name:** Western Elite, Inc.

**Description of Proposed Facility:**

Construction and operation of a Class III disposal site composed of one industrial solid waste landfill unit, contiguous land, structures, and other appurtenances and improvements for the disposal of solid waste has been proposed by Western Elite, Inc. The proposal to begin construction and operations at this site has been formally requested of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection by Western Elite, Inc.'s submittal of a permit application for a Class III disposal site. Western Elite, Inc. owns the land on which the site is located; Western Elite, Inc. proposes to operate the site.

**Location:**

Lincoln County, Nevada. Portions of Sections 24 and 25, Township 11 South, Range 62 East on the west side of US Highway 93, approximately 30 miles south of Alamo, NV.

**Description and Design of the Site:**

The site is located within 1,000 feet of US Highway 93, approximately 30 miles south of Alamo in Lincoln County. It is zoned M-2, Heavy Manufacturing. A sand and gravel operation is located on Western Elite property to the northwest of the proposed landfill. Other surrounding lands are undeveloped open space.

Western Elite, Inc. has been accepting construction debris generated in the Las Vegas area since 1996 for the stated purposes of recycling, composting and mulch production. Western Elite has marketed only a small fraction of the quantity of waste received, however, so the volume of solid waste at the site has grown steadily over the years. The waste consists of common construction waste materials such as wood, drywall, metals, wiring, plastic film, and PVC plastic. The applicant estimates the site currently contains approximately 1.5 million cubic yards of waste.

The applicant proposed a solid waste landfill of an area-fill design with a liner system and leachate collection and recovery system (LCRS). The landfill has a proposed footprint of 81 acres and a total capacity of 12,741,307 cubic yards. Solid waste would be placed in 20-foot high lifts. At final build-out the landfill would be approximately 160 feet high. The active life of the landfill was estimated to be 71 years based on receipt of 600,000 cubic yards of uncompacted solid waste per year.

**Proposed Action**

The Division intends to deny issuance of a permit to Western Elite for a Class III disposal site. The application for the permit fails to comply with the following requirements of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC):

1. NAC 444.735 Location.
2. NAC 444.685 Financial assurance: Compliance mandatory; exemptions; waiver.
3. NAC 444.684 Plan for operating.
4. NAC 444.739 Report for design.
5. NAC 444.652 Disposal of special wastes: Construction and demolition wastes.



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**Availability of Documents**

A copy of the Public Notice and this Fact Sheet will be available for public review at:

Lincoln County Courthouse  
Pioche, Nevada

And  
<http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>

The application will be available for public review at:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Waste Management  
Solid Waste Branch  
333 West Nye Lane  
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

Additional information may be obtained by writing to the Division of Environmental Protection at the above address, with attention to Jon Taylor, emailing [jtaylor@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:jtaylor@ndep.nv.gov) or by calling (775) 687-9477.

**Procedure for Public Review and Comment**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's Public Notice of the intent to deny a permit authorizing the operation of this facility will be published in the Lincoln County Record and the Las Vegas Review Journal. Additionally, the Notice is being sent to interested persons on our mailing list.

The Division will accept written comments and written requests for a public hearing on the proposed denial of the permit from the applicant and any other interested persons. Written requests for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues that the requester intends to raise at the hearing. Written requests for a public hearing and written comments on the proposed denial of the permit will be accepted until February 7, 2005. The Division may extend the period for public review as it deems necessary.

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